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REMARKS

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1. During the first half of August 1951, the troop quarters at the Weisswasser (O 52/A 74) troop training grounds were still occupied to capacity by about 25,000 troops. 50X1-HUM
2. About 100 troops were seen firing with rifles north of Nochten on 2 August. Truck [] was identified with the troops. In addition, some groups of soldiers received theoretical instruction on T-34 tanks and practiced with portable radio sets. On 4 August, several T-34 tanks were engaged in record firing at a distance of from 2,000 to 3,000 meters, with groups of officers and EM witnessing the firing. Ten officers and 40 EM practiced rifle firing on 9 August. Trucks [] were identified with them. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
3. Vehicles observed in camp traffic between 2 and 9 August included sedan with a lieutenant colonel, departing from Weisswasser; supply trucks with red-bordered black epaulets; driving-school truck driven by soldiers and trucks driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. ** 50X1-HUM
4. The following observations were made at the Weisswasser railroad station between 14 and 20 August: 50X1-HUM
 - 14 August. Vehicles which arrived at the station from the direction of Camp Nochten-Boxberg in the morning included four T-34/85 tanks; SU-249 SP guns [] trucks/ [] occupied by 20 soldiers each; and sedan [] occupied by 4 officers. 50X1-HUM
 - 16 August. Truck [] brought 22 officers with baggage to the station in the morning and returned to the camp with 25 EM at noon. 50X1-HUM
 - 17 August. Five T-34 tanks left the station for the camp in the early morning.
 - 20 August. Truck [] with 23 officers and 5 EM and truck [] with 17 officers and 10 EM arrived at the railroad station in the morning. The personnel had hand baggage with them, came from the troop camp, and boarded the fast passenger train toward Berlin. *** 50X1-HUM

* [] Comment. The situation at Weisswasser by 20 August did not change since the report of 9 August []

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The strength figure given in the present report is only as a rough and superficial estimate. [] confirms the Hq 9th Hecz Div until 20 August 1951, possibly at Weisswasser.

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** [] Comment. The vehicle [] belong to various regiments of the 9th Hecz Div, which have been repeatedly confirmed at Weisswasser []

*** [] Comment. The departure of 62 officers within three days may have been due to the termination of training demonstrations.

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